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E.O. 12065: GDS 1/16/87 (DAWKINS, STEPHEN P.) OR-M
TAGS: SE, SPON, PINS, RQ
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL DAILY PRINTS COMMUNIQUE OF PUERTO RICO TERRORIST GROUP

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/GDC/MR
REVIEWED BY DZ DATE 3 MAR 1982
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

1. (C) - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. OFFICIAL SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT DAILY, THE NATION, PRINTED ON JANUARY 15 AS A NEWS ARTICLE A STATEMENT BY JUAN MARI BRAS, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE "PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY" CLAIMING THAT THE BOMBING OF U.S.G. AIRCRAFT NEAR SAN JUAN WAS A "LEGAL ACT OF WAR." THE STATEMENT CLAIMS THAT "CONDITIONS OF INCREASING REPRISALS AGAINS THE PUERTO RICAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS FOR INDEPENDENCE HAVE CAUSED THEM TO RESORT TO ARMED STRUGGLE." THE STATEMENT CITED THE "MACHETEROS" AS HAVING CARRIED OUT THE ATTACK, AND ENDED WITH A PHRASE ABOUT ACHIEVING "LIBERATION FROM THE UNITED STATES COLONIOLIST YOKE."
2. NEXT DAY CHARGE [redacted] EXPRESS KEEN B1, EB
DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE

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GOS WOULD PRINT SUCH AN ARTICLE. THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO WERE FREE TO CHOOSE COMMONWEALTH STATUS, STATEHOOD, OR INDEPENDENCE, SAID CHARGE. FREE ELECTIONS HAD LONG BEEN THE RULE IN PUERTO RICO, AS WELL AS FREE SPEECH, RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE AND ALL THE RIGHTS ASSOCIATED WITH AMERICAN DEMOCRACY. CHARGE ADDED THAT LAST TIME HE SAW STATISTICS, ONLY ABOUT FIVE PERCENT OF PUERTO RICAN ELECTORATE HAD VOTED FOR INDEPENDENCE.
3. [redacted] NOT INTENTION OF GOS B1, EB
TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF U.S. HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT CHARGE'S VIEWS TO HIGHER AUTHORITY AND SAID [redacted] MIGHT TAKE UP THE ISSUE WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND INFORMATION WHICH PRINTS B1, EB
THE NATION. [redacted]

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4. ACTION: CAN DEPARTMENT PROVIDE BASIC INFORMATION ON PUERTO RICO, TO INCLUDE VOTING STATISTICS FOR PAST GENERAL ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS. U.N. DOCUMENTS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. DAWKINS
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